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A Newsletter of the Buchanan County Conservation Board

Photo Contest Deadline (page 5)!

Roberts Wildlife Area Dedication

Dan Cohen, Executive Director



A Blandings turtle is at home in a Roberts Wildlife Area wetland.

Last March, the Conservation Board made public an important natural resources and outdoor recreation property in the Wapsipinicon River Corridor. The Roberts Wildlife Area is located southwest of Fairbank and adjoins the Conservation Board's Cutshall Area. It connects together public lands in Buchanan and Black

Hawk counties, resulting in more than 500 acres of contiguous land and water for the public to hunt, hike, paddle, fish, photograph, and otherwise enjoy (see last summer's Otter Creek Quarterly).

On Saturday, September 8 at 9 a.m. the public is invited to join many of the partner groups and organizations that made this addition

Roberts Wildlife Area is named for Fred Lee Ivy Roberts and Willie Beatrice



Ray Roberts, two of the original black settlers in Buchanan County. They established a Homestead and raised 13 children on the property.



View from a Roberts Wildlife Area riverbank in October.

of public lands in western Buchanan County possible during a dedication program. Key partners on this project are indicated by the logos shown below. The program will feature short presentations, followed by a guided walk showcasing nature at Roberts Wildlife Area.

Following the dedication and walk, attendees are invited to participate in a canoe/kayak float on the Wapsipinicon River, from Littleton to Otterville Bridge, northwest of Independence (see activity description on page 4). Those wishing to attend the river float need to register by clicking [here](#). Those attending the Dedication, but not the river float, need not preregister.



Make cabin reservations now for Autumn and Winter!

What better time to get outside and enjoy a cabin than the colorful fall season or the quiet beauty of winter! To get your choice of reservation dates, don't delay. The cabins provide comfort and convenience, with a full bathroom, kitchenette, separate bedrooms, and other features. They are termed "sustainable living" because they include energy efficient appliances; a wall and roof system that uses structural insulated panels (SIP's); triple pane windows; and a solar energy system. To make a reservation, click [here](#). Fill out your information and make payment with a credit or debit card. It is that simple.



Ongoing Turtle Study – Sampling in Buchanan County

A comprehensive survey of Iowa's turtle populations has been underway for several years, and Buchanan County Conservation Board areas provide some of the places where this research is being conducted.

Historically, Iowa has had liberal commercial and recreational turtle harvest regulations as compared to surrounding states. This led to concerns for Iowa's turtle populations by many groups, and requests to have seasons closed or made stricter. Efforts to change rules began in 2009, but initially were stalled. In 2010, some in-depth studies began, but these were not comprehensive and statewide. The studies looked into Iowa's turtle harvest program as well as life histories and population dynamics of Iowa's harvestable species, including common snapping turtle, western painted turtle, spiny softshell, and smooth softshell. Three years ago, a more comprehensive 5-year study began. Fisheries Field Offices throughout Iowa, including the one in Manchester that serves Buchanan County, began surveying populations more aggressively. Koutny Pond, located east of Brandon, Iowa, was one of the locations managed by Buchanan County Conservation Board with turtle sampling sites. Last July's sampling included western painted turtle, common snapping turtle, spiny softshell and red-eared Slider. Western Painted Turtle was the most abundant species sampled.

Initial data seems to indicate losses of larger snapping turtles, especially in southeast Iowa, and some concern about population sex ratios. However, turtle surveys will need to proceed for decades in order to provide accurate data about population trends. This is because turtles are long-lived – some living more than 50 years, and may not be sexually mature until 6-10 years of age. If you have any

questions or would like more information about turtle population studies in Iowa, contact Iowa DNR Fisheries Biologist Chad Dolan (chad.dolan@dnr.iowa.gov; 319-694-2430).



Left: Iowa DNR Fisheries staff Greg Simmons and Megan Thule take measurements and mark turtles at Koutny Pond.

Right: Snapping and painted turtle wait to be released.



Nature Center 25th Anniversary Banquet!

Sponsored by Friends of Fontana Park.

If you are one of those who values the benefits and richness of our natural environment and the importance of educating people, we would like to extend an invitation to attend the Fontana Park Nature Center's 25th Anniversary Banquet to be held in Independence at Heartland Acres Event Center on the evening of Monday, April 22.

Banquet proceeds help fund Friends of Fontana Park, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support Buchanan County Conservation Board's educational efforts, including educational displays, written materials (such as the newsletter), the wildlife display, educational presentations, and more.

There is a lot to celebrate! Each year, with FFP's help, the Conservation Board provides more than 1,000 programs with more than 22,000 people in attendance. Recently, FFP helped fund upgrades to the Wildlife Display and a new Animal Care building, as well as displays in the nature center.

Your willingness to support conservation and education efforts is much appreciated, and a great way to show this support is to attend the anniversary banquet! Banquet details still are being developed. To be placed on a list for more information, email bccbscheduling@gmail.com.



Over the years, thousands of visitors have measured themselves on the Nature Center's Wingspan Board.

Misconceptions – "bison" vs "buffalo"

Michael Maas, Naturalist



Bison

As a naturalist I hear many things that are just not true about nature. One that bothers me is when people call a bison a buffalo. If I had to blame anyone for the confusion, I would blame the Euro-American settlers, who compared the creatures to the oxen and other bovines they referred to as buffalo. If you have been to one of my talks about bison, this misconception is always something I talk about.

Bison are in the buffalo family, but buffalo are not necessarily bison. The North America bison (*Bison bison*) is well adapted to extreme heat and cold of the vast prairies - including in Iowa. The "true buffalo" such as the water buffalo, are in the genus *Bubalus*, and are not found in the Americas.

Bison look different than true buffalo. Bison have a beard and thick, insulating winter fur. Sometimes the fur can be so thick that a few inches of snow can accumulate on their back. The hump on the bison's back helps in moving their massive head to plow through deep, heavy snow. Bison horns, which never shed, grow only about two feet. True buffalo do not have a beard, hump, or thick fur, but live in warmer climates with no deep snow. Buffalo usually have substantially large horns. Some can be greater than six feet! Unlike bison, some buffalo have been largely domesticated.

The next time you come and check out the bison at Fontana Park, stop in and tell me about them, and use their proper name.



Water Buffalo

To register for programs, visit www.buchanancountyparks.com. Click on **Public Events**.



Monarch Tagging

Saturday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m. - Bryantsburg Prairie; Click [here](#) to register
 Saturday, Sept. 22 1 p.m. - TBD - will be contacted by September 20 with details; Click [here](#) to register
 Cost: \$3 per person or \$7 per family

Join Conservation Staff and others during fall migration (at a location to be determined by blooming nectar flowers attractive to monarchs), to catch, tag and release these tiny travelers as research continues through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program.

Nets and tags will be provided. Pre-registration is required by going to www.buchanancountyparks.com.

Overwintering monarch population numbers have been higher the past two years (4.1 & 2.9 hectares respectively) than the record low of 2.6 ha in 2015. However, this still is lower the six hectare level scientist feel is needed to sustain the population in the event of a major storm where monarchs overwinter in Mexico. Due to favorable breeding conditions in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Northeast Iowa, overwintering population predictions after fall migration might be more than four hectares.

Monarch tagging is one way of monitoring monarch numbers and tracking any shifts in the origins of monarchs that reach Mexico. Regional tagging success also helps demonstrate how monarchs respond to physical conditions and quality of the habitats in these areas. Thus, tagging is an important tool to help understand overall dynamics of the monarch population.

Old Time Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 5:00 p.m.; Richardson-Jakway House, Jakway Forest
 Limited to 26 people; \$20 per person; Click [here](#) to register

The Old Time Meal will feature prime rib, garden greens, fingerling potatoes, and Amish bread with honey and jam, topped off with a homemade seasonal pie. A special after-supper program is being planned. Old Time Meals are sponsored by the Richardson-Jakway Foundation and Buchanan County Conservation Board. Proceeds help fund continued restoration of the Richardson-Jakway Historic Site.



Paddling through the Wapsi Corridor

Saturday, Sept. 8,
 Meet at the McGlauhlin Access below Littleton Dam at 10:30 a.m. (following the 9 a.m. Roberts Wildlife Area Dedication)
 Preregistration required. Visit www.buchanancountyparks.com. Cost: \$5/person; Click [here](#) to register

Celebrate public land in the Wapsipinicon River Corridor from the seat of a canoe or kayak while paddling from Littleton Dam to Otterville Bridge, northwest of Independence. The approximately 3-hour trip takes paddlers through an area of protected forests and forested wetlands, with lots of opportunities to explore sandbars and learn about river plants and animals from Conservation Board staff.

This program is part of the public dedication of the Conservation Board's recently acquired Roberts Wildlife Area, and participants are urged to attend the dedication and walk the new property prior to the river float (see cover page). Preregistration is required (visit www.buchanancountyparks.com). More details, including items to bring, are on the website.



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"Earth, Too" Clover Kids

Tuesdays: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11; 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
 East Elementary School Lunchroom, Independence
 Cost: \$20 per person/\$30 per family; Mandatory Parent Meeting September 11, 4:30 p.m; Click [here](#) to register



Clover Kids 4H is a fun youth program designed for children in Kindergarten through third grade. The focus is hands-on cooperative learning in small groups. Clover Kids participate in activities, games, and other positive experiences in a supportive, creative, challenging, and fun environment. The "Earth, Too" Clover kids are especially involved in learning about the natural world. "Earth, Too" Clover Kids is sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach and the Conservation Board. Naturalists Michael Maas and Sondra Cabell are the program leaders. If parents are unable to attend the mandatory parent meeting, they must set up a time to meet.



Nature Kids

Tuesday, September 11 - 10 a.m. Salamander;
 Click [here](#) to register
 Tuesday, October 9 - 10 a.m. Spiders;
 Click [here](#) to register
 Tuesday, November 13 - 10 a.m. Nature Play Area
 Click [here](#) to register
 Fontana Nature Center
 Classroom
 Ages 3-5;

Bring a child to the park to learn about and experience different Iowa animals each month. The program will start with a story, include an up-close encounter with a live animal, and end with time spent outside exploring (dress for the weather). Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Hunter Safety Class

Sept. 19, 6:30-9 p.m.; Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m.;
 Sept. 22, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Buchanan County Wildlife
 Association Grounds, Quasqueton; Click to [here](#) register

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1972 must be certified in Hunter Education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license. A person 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate which becomes valid on their 12th birthday. Please register online. If there are any questions about the class please call Ken Aarhus (319-327-0141) or Doug Beier (319-334-3256).



Photo Contest

Contest submissions due by September 12
 For more information, and to see past years winners, visit www.buchanancountyparks.com

Do you have a spectacular shot of nature or people enjoying nature taken in Buchanan County? Keep your camera handy as you visit Buchanan County's natural areas and keep in mind the four categories: Landscapes, Wildlife, Plants & Wildflowers, and People Enjoying Nature. For more information on the contest or for a copy of the official rules, visit our website at www.buchanancountyparks.com or call 319-636-2617. We will again use a voter based selection of winners, so like us on Facebook or watch for media information on how to be a part of selecting the 2018 winners.



2017 Overall Winner
 photo by Kenneth Heiar

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Bear's Birthday Bash!

Sunday, September 16, 1 p.m.
Fontana Park Wildlife Display
Click [here](#) to register

The black bear in the Fontana Park Wildlife Display turned 25 this year. What better way to celebrate than throwing her a birthday party. Discover many things about black bears, what they eat, and why and how the bear lives at Fontana Park. The bear may get a few special treats for her birthday.

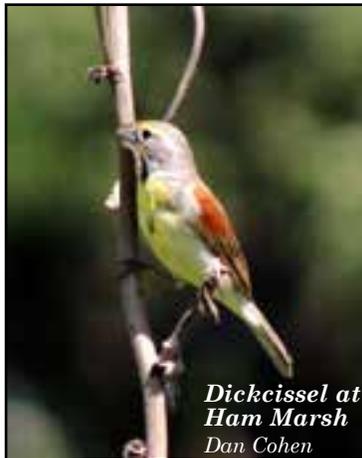


There will be cake for participants to help celebrate the bears special day. There is no cost for the program but a free will donation is appreciated. The donation will go back to the animals that call Fontana Park home.

OWLS - Marsh Trek Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Monday, September 17, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Ham Marsh (1747 Indiana Ave., Independence)
Click [here](#) to register

Are you an adult and have you been looking to experience nature, make new friends, and get outdoors? Join a naturalist and enjoy some of Buchanan County's hidden gems. OWLS is a program specifically design for adults to learn and explore nature in and around



*Dickcissel at
Ham Marsh
Dan Cohen*

Buchanan County. Ham Marsh is a great area to explore and see some unique birds and enter a rather unique area called a marsh. There are great opportunities for birding along with a bird blind so be sure to bring binoculars along (some will be provided). The chat will be all about marshes and the plants and animals that call this place home. Be sure to dress for the weather and maybe get your feet wet.

Moonlight Paddle

Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wapsi River Access (2051 Wapsie Access Blvd., Independence)
Cost: \$5 per person ages 10 and up; Click [here](#) to register

The water is calm and reflective at night – a perfect time for a moonlit excursion into the wetlands above the Independence dam. Paddlers likely will see some animals settling in for the night, and others just becoming active. Participants should dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required and limited. There is a registration fee of \$5 per person.



OWLS - Geocaching Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Monday, October 15, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Crumbacher Wildlife Area (1523 250th St., Independence)
Click [here](#) to register

OWLS is a program specifically design for adults to learn and explore nature in and around Buchanan County. Crumbacher Wildlife Area is a great area to explore from the prairies to the woodlands to the wetlands. What better way to explore than by getting out and going Geocaching. Geocaching is the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website. Geocaching is a great activity you could do with kids so be sure to come and learn how to get started. Geocaching can be done on a phone or on a GPS unit (will be provided). Be sure to dress for the weather and there may be times when the group goes off the trail to get to a cache.



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Trick or Treat for the Animals

Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m.
Fontana Park Nature Wildlife Display
Click [here](#) to register

Help carve some creative pumpkins and then fill them with tasty and nutritious treats for our resident raccoon, fox, bison, ducks, coyotes, bear, turkeys, and rabbits in the Fontana Park Wildlife Display. The pumpkins then will be placed in the animals' enclosures for a treat that's a trick to get into. This is a popular program so be sure to get preregistered early.



The red fox devours his Halloween goodies during last year's Trick or Treat for the Animals.

Coyote Club – Bats!

Monday, October 29, 5 p.m.
Fontana Nature Center Classroom
Cost: \$5 per child; Click [here](#) to register



Coyote Club is for kids age 6-10 who are interested in nature, animals, and outdoor fun! Participants engage with the Naturalist at Fontana Park, with programs scattered throughout the year.

The upcoming Coyote Club Program features bats. Bats are important to the environment, and therefore to humans. The group will learn about bats and then go on a hike to try and find some prime bat habitat. Snack and drink are provided, and Coyote Club members receive a special Club drawstring backpack.



Leaf Art

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Fontana Nature Center Classroom
Cost: \$10 per person
Ages 10 and up; Click [here](#) to register



With fall leaves pressed and dried to preserve the diversity of colors and shapes, participants will use the leaves as their medium to create. Vibrant reds from sumac and maple; purples and yellows from ash; golden ginkgos; white poplar; and varied greens will be among the palate to select from. When finished, everyone will be able to exclaim, "Look what I did with my leaves!" Various natural items, animal mounts and images will be available for inspiration as you create your own unique piece. Various plant presses will be on display as well.

OWLS - Explore Cortright!

Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Monday, November 19, 10-11 a.m.
Cortright Wildlife Area (1380 River Road Blvd., Independence)
Click [here](#) to register

Are you an adult and have you been looking to experience nature, make new friends, and get outdoors? Join a naturalist and enjoy some of Buchanan County's hidden gems. Cortright is a park with many diverse habitats which makes it great for checking out local Iowa wildlife. There are many trails so it is a great place to wander, hunt, or bird watch. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Two kids peer from within a huge, hollow cottonwood tree - a natural landmark at Cortright Wildlife Area.



Wanted! – Nature Center Receptionists

The Buchanan County Conservation Board thrives on the support of conservation-minded groups and individuals. One way people show this support is by volunteering.

Conservation volunteers are engaged in many ways, including serving as campground hosts, monitoring nest boxes, helping with education programs, keeping parks clean, removing invasive species, and more.

There currently is an urgent need for volunteers to serve as **nature center receptionists on weekends**. Volunteers staff the nature center on weekends, Thursday mornings, and Friday afternoons.

In addition to keeping the nature center display floor open, these volunteers answer visitor questions and help citizens better understand nature and the environment. Over time, nature center volunteers become experts on the Conservation Board's education programs and recreation areas. Every day provides a learning experience while volunteering in the nature center!

To become a conservation volunteer, individuals need to complete an application form. Depending on the type of work, the Conservation Board will conduct a criminal background check. For more information, call 319-636-2617.



Volunteer Shirley Rozendaal assists a park user.

Nature Center Volunteer Receptionists Hours

(as of 8/22/18)

<i>Edith Biddinger</i>	206
<i>Ruby Bodeker</i>	161
<i>James Bond</i>	23
<i>Sally Bond</i>	19
<i>Joy Bowers</i>	165
<i>Margaret Dange</i>	59
<i>Breanna Ellis</i>	9
<i>Jan Franks</i>	21
<i>Ellen Gaffney</i>	237
<i>Helen Hoefer</i>	857
<i>Elaine Hughes</i>	388
<i>Marybeth Jaggard</i>	908
<i>Rita Knutson</i>	10
<i>Frankie King</i>	244
<i>Bob Mieke</i>	220
<i>Duane Olsen</i>	39
<i>Patti Olmstead</i>	276
<i>Judy Porter</i>	426
<i>Shirley Rozendaal</i>	328
<i>Faith Rulapaugh</i>	505
<i>Lorene Shonka</i>	218
<i>David Voigts</i>	512
<i>Jane Watson</i>	321
<i>Clark Willoughby</i>	210

Show your support for the Conservation and Education Efforts of Buchanan County Conservation Board!

Enclosed is my donation. Donations of \$100 or more are recognized on Nature Center plaques. Donors should specify if they want funds to go toward to Friends of Fontana Park (FFP) for the Conservation Board's education programs or to the Conservation Board (BCCB) for land and infrastructure projects.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor (\$1-99) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter (\$250-499) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$1,000-4,999) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100-249) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$500-999) | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder (\$5,000 or more) |

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Please direct my donation to Friends of Fontana Park for education programs and projects (FFP). | <input type="checkbox"/> Please use my donation for conservation lands, infrastructure, and equipment needs (BCCB). |
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Names as you wish them to read on recognition: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to: FFP (for education donations) or BCCB (for land and infrastructure projects) and mail to Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641.

2019 Animal Sponsorships

Mark your calendar for September 1 – that is the first day to make your reservation to sponsor an animal for the 2019 calendar year. Animal sponsorships make the perfect holiday gift for the hard to buy for. Sponsorship packages include a letter, certificate, and photo of the sponsored animal and will be sent in time for Holiday gift giving. Funds go to the Friends of Fontana Park.

To sponsor an animal in our wildlife exhibit, an individual, group, or business needs to make a minimum donation to the Friends of Fontana Park. Donation amounts differ for each animal, ranging from \$40 to \$175. The sponsor's name(s) will be placed on a plaque on the animal's enclosure in early January for the 2019 calendar year. To reserve an animal, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or scabell@co.buchanan.ia.us on or after September 1.

Sponsor the Bird Feeders!

The bird feeders at the Nature Center provide excellent viewing of wild birds year-round. To help defray the costs of feeding the birds, the Conservation Department is looking for monthly bird feeder sponsors. Sponsors are asked to donate \$50 toward bird seed. All sponsors are recognized on a plaque in the Nature Center. To sponsor a month, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or scabell@co.buchanan.ia.us.



Conservation Calendar!

- Sept. 1 *Animal Sponsorships*
Reservations Accepted (P. 9).
- Sept. 1 *Monarch Tagging*
Bryantsburg Prairie, 1 p.m. (P. 4).
- Sept. 3 *Labor Day (Nature Center Closed)*.
- Sept. 5 *An Old Time Meal*
Richardson-Jakway House
Jakway Forest, 5 p.m. (P. 4).
- Sept. 8 *Roberts Wildlife Area Dedication*
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- Sept. 8 *Paddling through the Wapsi Corridor*
McGlauhlin Access, 10:30 a.m. (P. 4).
- Sept. 11 *Nature Kids - Salamander*
Fontana Nature Center 10 a.m. (P. 5).
- Sept. 11 *Earth Too Clover Kids Begins*
East Elementary Lunchroom
3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (P. 5).
- Sept. 12 *Photo Contest Deadline* (P. 5).
- Sept. 16 *Bear's Birthday Bash*
Fontana Wildlife Display 1 p.m. (P. 6).
- Sept. 19-22 *Hunter Safety Class*
Buchanan County Wildlife Association,
7 p.m. (P. 5).
- Sept. 17 *OWLS - Marsh Trek*
Ham Marsh 10 a.m. (P. 6).
- Sept. 18 *Conservation Board Meeting*
Fontana Nature Center, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 22 *Monarch Tagging*
Location TBD, 1 p.m. (P. 4).
- Sept. 25 *Moonlight Paddle*
Wapsi River Access, 6:30 p.m. (P. 6).
- Oct. 9 *Nature Kids - Spiders*
Fontana Nature Center, 10 a.m. (P. 5)
- Oct. 15 *OWLS - Geocaching*
Crumbacher Wildlife Area, 5 p.m. (P. 6).
- Oct. 16 *Conservation Board Meeting*
Fontana Nature Center, 6 p.m.
(subject to change).
- Oct. 27 *Trick or Treat for the Animals*
Fontana Nature Center, 9 a.m. (P. 7).
- Oct. 29 *Coyote Club - Bats*
Fontana Nature Center 5 p.m. (P. 7).
- Nov. 12 *Veterans Day (Nature Center Closed)*
- Nov. 13 *Leaf Art*
Fontana Nature Center 6:30 p.m. (P. 7).
- Nov. 13 *Nature Kids - Nature Play Area*
Fontana Nature Center, 10 a.m. (P. 5)
- Nov. 19 *OWLS - Explore Cortright*
Cortright Wildlife Area, 10 a.m. (P. 7).
- Nov. 20 *Conservation Board Meeting*
Fontana Nature Center, 6 p.m.
(subject to change).
- Nov. 22-23 *Thanksgiving (Nature Center Closed)*

1. Fontana Park and Jarrett Slater Addition (134)..... Hazleton
2. Jakway Forest (315)..... Aurora
3. Lime Creek Area (45)..... Brandon
4. Boies Bend Area (26)..... Quasqueton
5. Buffalo Creek Area (81.5)..... Winthrop
6. Otter Creek Roadside Park (13)..... Hazleton

Buchanan County Natural Areas (acres)

7. Mickey Fox Area and Anderson Addition (118)..... Jesup
8. VanLaningham Area (3)..... Independence
9. Otter Creek Wildlife Area (100)..... Hazleton
10. Hoover Area (20)..... Troy Mills
11. Sand Creek Area (80)..... Quasqueton
12. Niebeck Nature Preserve (35)..... Hazleton
13. Pine Creek Area (40)..... Quasqueton
14. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area (60)..... Winthrop
15. Rowley Fen (43)..... Rowley
16. Koutny Pond/Hoffman Woods (106)..... Brandon
17. Putty Root Preserve (17)..... Quasqueton
18. Blazing-Star Prairie (7.5)..... Rowley
19. Crumbacher Wildlife Area (368)..... Independence
20. Bearbower Sand Prairie (40)..... Brandon
21. Swartz Preserve (4)..... Aurora
22. Bryantsburg Prairie Preserve (1.5)..... Hazleton
23. Frogville Access (135)..... Troy Mills
24. Schneider-Heinick-Rowe Area (20)..... Troy Mills
25. Newton Township Natural Area (158)..... Quasqueton
26. Patton Prairie (45)..... Aurora
27. Hodges and North Wildlife Area (67)..... Jesup
28. Fairbank Fen (40)..... Fairbank
29. Anderson Addition to Cutshall (24)..... Jesup
30. Ham Marsh (54)..... Independence
31. Wehner Woods (30)..... Lamont
32. Guy Grover Timber and Tree Plantings (201)..... Quasqueton
33. Quigley-Slatery Heritage Prairie (33)..... Winthrop
34. Roberts Wildlife Area (109)..... Fairbank

Buchanan County River Accesses (acres)

35. Iron Bridge Woodland (34)..... Quasqueton
36. Troy Mills Wapsi Access (63)..... Troy Mills
37. Wapsi River Access (51)..... Independence
38. Three Elms Area (75)..... Independence
39. Cutshall Area (85)..... Jesup
40. Cortright Wildlife Area (190)..... Littleton
41. Robert "Chic" McGlauighlin Access (6)..... Littleton

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Nature Center Hours

- Monday-Tuesday: 8 a.m. to noon
 Wednesday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Weekends: 1-5 p.m. (Summer); 1-5 p.m. (beginning Nov. 1)

For more information regarding Conservation Board activities, call 319-636-2617/dcohen@co.buchanan.ia.us

Check out the Conservation Board Web Site!

www.buchanancountyparks.com
 Like Fontana Park on Facebook!



Leaves in the County Parks